

**Workplace
Chaplains U.S.**

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Our Mission:

Partnering with client companies to provide care, counsel and crisis management services to their employees from a Christian perspective.

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Looking Ahead to Labor Day

Labor Day weekend is right around the corner. For us at Workplace Chaplains that means two important events:

1) an opportunity to encourage local churches to honor the workplace and the working person in their weekend services.

If you are involved in planning the worship activities of a local church on **Sept. 6** please know that we will gladly help facilitate a recognition of the working man or woman by supplying ideas, materials, a 5 min. Power Point, or a representative of our ministry to give a 5—10 minute update about our work.

2) co-sponsoring the annual

Cadillac Festival of Races:

If you are a runner, biker, or kayaker (or know one of the above) remember that the Cadillac Festival of races which we co-sponsor with the Northern Michigan Christian School will occur on Labor Day (**Sept. 7**). This event is the longest running 5 K race in the state of Michigan (over 30 years). There is also a 10K race, an Adventure Triathlon (run, bike, kayak) and children's races of various lengths.

Register on line at our website (workplacechaplains.us) or at the Cadillac Junior HS gym at 8:00 am the morning of the race.

Ron Klimp
Executive Director

Cutting Costs in a Tight Economy

Yes, we are feeling the pinch of a tight economy along with the business world we serve. Some of our accounts have become smaller and some have not been able to renew or have gone out of business altogether. This means reduced or no hours for some of our employees and a tighter budget overall.

To adjust to this and to be good stewards we are eliminating some of our usual activities (annual staff retreat, some professional memberships, unnecessary travel, etc.), combining our summer and fall newsletters, and sending more newsletters by email rather than "snail" mail. If you have not yet sent us your email address and would be willing to receive this newsletter digitally, please send an email to: info@workplacechaplains.us to let us know.

Advancing the Mission

NEWEST CLIENT ALREADY "PAYING DIVIDENDS"

Our newest client, **CapTrust Financial Advisors**, of Holland, MI, is already paying dividends. On May 28, 2009 they sponsored a breakfast meeting at their office to introduce friends, clients and business associates to the work of Workplace Chaplains U.S.

Two of the Senior Partners are so pleased with and supportive of our service that they took

the initiative to get a group together, share their experience and then to allow Carl Beridon and myself to present the work we do. We concluded our time with an offer to meet individually with those present. **Every person** in attendance indicated a desire to meet to discuss further how WPC could begin at their business or to discuss how they might assist our ministry in other ways (direct gift; sharing possible clients, etc.).

This is exactly the type of posi-



itive synergy that is possible when WPC and our clients share a common desire of seeing the workplaces of a community receive "care, counsel, and crisis management services...from a

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Encouraging the Ranks of the Un- and Under-Employed

In an effort to support and encourage the growing number of people who are loosing the security and benefits of a full time job we are teaming up with Baker College and other community resources to sponsor a workshop that we are calling "Navigating through Tough Times."

This will be a half day event on Sept. 23 in the Student Center at Baker College in Cadillac, MI and will include information on how to best work with the state unemployment procedures, how to work with lenders to preserve your mortgage and credit scores, how to save money on groceries and other necessities, how to take

advantage of educational opportunities to prepare for future employment, and how the temporary employment services may help you find your next job.

If you or someone you know is unemployed or under-employed, please register to attend or ask questions by sending an email to: info@workplacechaplains.us or at the door by 9:00 am the day of the event. If you are in a position to offer advice or resources at this event we would welcome a contact from you as well, using the same email address.

For more information call Ron at (231) 920-1858.

GOLF ANYONE?

We were happy to learn recently that we will be the beneficiaries of the annual Pastor's Invitational in Holland, MI on August 13 — honoring local pastors while raising funds for a chosen non-profit.

If you would like to enter a foursome (including a Pastor) in the event, please contact:

CapTrust Financial Advisors
616-392-5332
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Christian perspective." CapTrust is already a community leader in Holland and they are using that influence to assist WPC. We appreciate their trust and partnership.

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SHIFT TO PAYPAL

As we shift more and more to a digital communication mode we save paper, ink, postage, time and the environment. Some of you may

wonder, however, how to respond without the usual return envelope.

Now we can also receive donations on line through a **PayPal** account. Simply go to our website (workplacechaplains.us) and

look for the PayPal button, then follow the instructions. This should allow you to use a credit or debit card to send a donation (or pay in advance for the Labor Day race registration) in one simple process. This should save you and us some time, postage, and processing costs.

Please consider as we rapidly approach the year end how God may wish you to invest His resources into His kingdom.

Amy Smallegan
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Notes from our Chaplains and Clients

"I need to convey my gratitude for your continued/enhanced impact in the lives of our entire team. I have personally appreciated and benefited from your friendship and more formal involvement here at the office over the past several months and didn't want that to go unsaid... While I may have said it before, I wanted to say it again today – THANK YOU! Thank you for spurring me on in my life, in my walk with the Lord."
(from a happy client)

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"I was able to assist with getting an alcoholic into long term treatment. The person has turned to me for prayer along with making transportation arrangements. The facility is a Christian program in Muskegon." (Ed G.)

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"This was a profitable month in the kingdom here. Some very meaningful contacts. One man made a point to stop in and say how much it meant to him that a chaplain had stopped in to see him while he was in the hospital. Another said he didn't know if he could get through what he's going through with out our support. These may seem small to some, but we're just one piece of the puzzle. May HE always cause us to fit just right." (Paul P.)

We appreciate your support!

Whether large or small, every gift helps us cover the cost of spreading the word that such a ministry exists to serve the business world.

Thanks and God Bless!!!